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SUBJECT

1. SWSS alerts.
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4. Contact information.
5. Case management.
6. Placement priorities.
7. State court administrator resource guide.
8. Relative licensing.

1) Swss Alerts**IOS 220, Service Activities**

Instructions added for Children's Protective Service's SWSS Alerts for potential American Indian child(ren).

**2) Bridges
Terminology**

- ISO 320, Indian Outreach Worker Responsibilities.
- ISO 330, Case Closure
- ISO 340, Case Packeting
- ISO 365, System Registration, Denial/Withdrawal, Activation, Closure, Ongoing Maintenance.

Reason: Items updated with new terminology.

3) Legal Basis**NAA 105, Legal Basis**

Added Fostering Connections to Success and Increasing Adoptions Act (P.L. 110-351).

Reason: New federal law.

**4) Contact
Information****NAA 200, Identification of an Indian Child**

To assist workers with mailing addresses and contact information for tribes, tribal directories may be found at the following Web site:
http://www.ncai.org/index.php?id=125&selectpro_letter=C;

For Canadian Indians:

<http://www.aboriginalcanada.ca/firstnation/index.html> and

<http://www.ainc-inac.gc.ca/index-eng.asp>.

Reason: Policy clarification.

5) Case Management

NAA 205, Indian Child Welfare Case Management

Workers should provide children and their families who are affiliated with Canadian Indian and Michigan State Historic Tribes with notification, culturally appropriate services, and make active efforts to reunite these families. Confidential case information may not be shared with representatives of Canadian Indian and Michigan State Historic tribes without the consent of a parent.

In these cases, courts may order culturally appropriate services, policy, and procedures for Canadian Indian and Michigan State Historic tribal clients; however, these families are not covered by ICWA. When appropriate, caseworkers may ask that the courts take into consideration their placement and service plan recommendations based upon a culturally competent model of services for American Indian families, or conversely that the courts may require DHS caseworkers to provide culturally competent services for these families.

Furthermore, notification to Canadian tribes (DHS-121) does not afford the Canadian tribes with the same legal status as federally recognized tribes; however, Canadian tribes can petition the U.S. courts to intervene.

Reason: Policy clarification.

6) Placement Priorities

NAA 215, Placement Priorities for Indian Child(ren)

Binogii Placement Agency or the Michigan Indian Child Welfare Agency child placement agencies may be contacted to help caseworkers and tribes identify Indian placement options after previous ICWA hierarchical placement priorities are eliminated from consideration.

Furthermore, other purchase of service agencies may have Indian homes available through their agency which would be considered a placement priority as well.

Reason: Policy clarification.

7) State Court Administrator Resource Guide

NAA 233, Children's Protective Services Investigations

Workers should consult the State Court Administrator's Indian Child Welfare Act 1978: A Court Resource Guide regarding best practices. See item for link.

Reason: Policy clarification.

8) Relative Licensing

NAA 305, Foster Home Licensing Requirements

The requirement of relative licensing is optional for children who are Indian Children as defined by the Indian Child Welfare Act.

Reason: New policy.

**MANUAL
MAINTENANCE
INSTRUCTIONS**

Changed Items (content changes) ...

**IOS 220
IOS 320
IOS 330
IOS 340
IOS 365
NAA 105
NAA 200
NAA 205
NAA 215
NAA 233
NAA 305**